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Dear Parent/Carer

In January 2024, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Wallace Hall Primary School. During our visit, we talked to parents/carers and children and worked closely with the headteacher and staff.

Wallace Hall Primary School nursery class was inspected by Care Inspectorate within the past 18 months. Therefore, we have agreed with the local authority and school that the nursery class is not part of this inspection.

The inspection team found the following strengths in the school's work.

- Articulate, enthusiastic and motivated children. They work very well together when learning and are supportive of one another.
- The strong positive relationships between adults and children. Children learn in a school where they know they are cared for and that all staff work to help them achieve their best.
- The headteacher and senior leaders' shared focus and drive to improve outcomes for all children. They work very closely with children and staff to promote and sustain a calm, caring and purposeful environment that supports learning.
- The positive impact of effective professional learning on children's progress. Staff explore and use research-based approaches effectively to improve teaching and learning experiences.

The following areas for improvement were identified and discussed with the headteacher and a representative from Dumfries and Galloway Council.

- As planned, teachers should develop further the feedback they provide to children. They should agree a consistent, high-quality approach that will help children to understand better their individual strengths and next steps in learning.
- Staff should support children to identify and discuss the skills they are developing through learning experiences and across their achievements.
- As planned, staff should continue their focus on raising children's attainment. This should include teachers continuing to work together to develop further their shared understanding of national standards.

We gathered evidence to enable us to evaluate the school's work using quality indicators from [How good is our school? \(4<sup>th</sup> edition\)](#). Quality indicators help schools, local authorities and inspectors to judge what is working well and what needs to be improved. Following the inspection of each school, the Scottish Government gathers details of our evaluations to keep track of how well Scottish schools are doing.

## Here are Education Scotland's evaluations for Wallace Hall Primary School

Quality indicators	Evaluation
<b>Learning, teaching and assessment</b>	<b>good</b>
<b>Raising attainment and achievement</b>	<b>good</b>
Descriptions of the evaluations are available from: <a href="#">How good is our school? (4<sup>th</sup> edition), Appendix 3: The six-point scale</a>	

A more detailed document called Summarised Inspection Findings (SIF) will be available on the Education Scotland website at:

[Details](#) | [Find an inspection report](#) | [Find an inspection report](#) | [Inspection and review](#) | [Education Scotland](#)

### What happens next?

We are confident that the school has the capacity to continue to improve and so we will make no more visits in connection with this inspection. Dumfries and Galloway Council will inform parents/carers about the school's progress as part of its arrangements for reporting on the quality of its schools.

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